

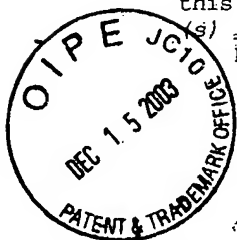
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Applicant: Darrow et al. Atty. Docket: ORT-1566
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a two (2)-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action dated July 9, 2003. An Amendment And Response To Office Action accompanies this petition.

Please charge the \$420.00 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750. If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge any necessary fees to the above-identified deposit account.

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